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Select Seed Corn From Standing Stalks.

Pawing over the ears of corn af ter they have been stored away in the crib and picking seed from the likeliest looking ears is a method that belongs to the ox-team and the cradle.

Uptodate farmers nowadays choose their seed corn from the standing stalks where they can observe the growing conditions, and thus often immensely increase the value of a given lot of seed.

When selecting seed corn in the field, keep your eye out for the sturdy upright stalk of medium height and thickness, with short joints and broad leaves carried well down, which stands in an average soil. Then look for an ear well matured and set fairly low, of medium size cob, a not too large butt, and a husk protecting the tip. Remembering also that one good ear is better than two nubbins, be satisfied with the single good ear on the stalk when the stand is thick,

Another advantage of selecting corn in this way is that stalk characteristics can be noted and selections made accordingly. For instance, the more or less hereditary tendency to produce suckers can be reduced by selection; stalks blown over by storms are inherently weak l

and should be avoided; under no circumstances should ears from diseased stalks be considered.

When selecting corn in the field it is often hard for the grower to pay as much attention as he would like to the ear characteristics. It is a good plan, therefore, to select two or three times as much seed as is needed, and to go over it again in the spring with an eye to ear characteristics. Often growers carry forward good seed from one spring to the next in case of emergencies that might arise from unfavorable weather or storing conditions.

Hogs Will Make Money Out of Big Corn Crop.

On account of the relative high price of hogs, many farmers have planned to produce fall litters of pigs, instead of fattening their brood sows for the market, according to the specialists of the Division of Extension, University of Tennessee. The ratio between the prices of hogs and corn makes this a commendable practice. With corn at present prices, 8 or 9 cent hogs should return liberal profits, and farmers who raised a good spring pig crop should consider themselves fortunate. With another big corn crop practically assured, the production of fall pigs has been encouraged. While hogs may not hold their present high market position, it would take a material drop in prices to make feeding unprofitable at present corn values Men who have gone through similar periods of depression in years past say that once again hogs have come to the rescue of the farmer. Time and again hogs have "rooted" the farmer out of prices bid fair to hold up the morals of the farmer, provide him with money to pay his interest and taxes, and encourage him to stand ready for another year.

Farm Breeding Pen.

The question of a special breeding pen on the farm is apt to bring forth doubts of its being a workable plan. However, it is easy enough and can be managed in at least two ways that any farm woman can carry out says Mrs. Kate M. Wells, poultry specialist, Division of Extension. The most important point is fur nishing a separate house or room for the roosting and laying quarters for the breeders. This can most easily be done by putting a partition in in one end of the poultry house, large enough to house the breeders, Twenty-five hens can be housed in a 5x16 or a 6x12 room, arranging it as to roosts, nests, feed hoppers and water vessels as in the larger laying house.

Community Club Helps Get Preacher.

According to a recent reprot from F. C. McCuskey, agricultural agent for Franklin County, the communi ty organization at Center Grove has as-isted in securing a preacher for that community, and the organization of a Sunday school, and at a recent meeting raised \$7500 to help pay the preacher for the next six months. This is another demonstration of the good that can le accomplished when people of a community will act as a unit.

Business Women of Town Getting in Touch With Business Women of Country.

Evidence of the fact that the old social barrier which has existed between people of the rural districts and those of the towns in past gen erations is fast becoming a thing of distress and there is every reason the past in Tennessee was clearly to believe they will do it again. An demonstrated at the recent farmers' abundance of corn puls good pork institute at Columbia. The Business and Professional Women's Club of Columbia did much to make the Homemakers section of the institute a success. They furnished a rest room for the members of the Home maker's section which added much

on to show dressing of farmer per- Tennesseeiods and to illustrate proper dress for different present day occasions. Many of them attended the program provided entertainment for the rural women while in the city and otherwise devoted much time to making their stay pleasant as well as profitable.

Co-operation of the women of the towns and cities of the state with rural women in their meetings has been noted on frequent occasions in recent years by Extension workers of the University of Tennessee and they look on it as one of the hopeful signs of the times. The business women of the towns are getting in touch with the business women of the farms. The farm women are finding that the women of the towns are good people to know and the town women are beginning to feel the same way about the country women, and so the old line that has existed so long is being rubbed

to their comfort. The town women out and in its place a spirit of coalso took an active part in helping operation and helpfulness is springthe rural women stage a dress page- ing up which will mean a happier ' ant, an evening's entertainment put and more contented womanhood in

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